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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HEW/NIH CONTRACT ON STUDY OF NATIONAL  
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OF ITALY

1. HEW/NIH FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER PROPOSES TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO DR. EZIO MASE, CHIEF OF MEDICAL SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE(INAN), ROME. DR. MASE AND PROFESSOR ANGELO SERIO, MEDICAL INSPECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE INSTITUTE, WOULD PLAN TO UNDERTAKE DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OF ITALY. METHODOLOGY WOULD INCLUDE REVIEW OF PERTINENT LITERATURE, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF PROGRAM, AS WELL AS SELECTED NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS WITH PRINCIPALS INVOLVED. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF CONTRACT PROPOSAL AND DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. MASE INDICATE THAT BENEFICIAL STUDY OF HIGH QUALITY WOULD LIKELY RESULT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO MOVE FROM NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE TOWARD NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE IF PRESENT LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED IS ADOPTED.

2. AMOUNT OF AWARD WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$15,000, AND  
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WOULD BE SPENT LARGELY ON SERVICES OF RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

AND SECRETARIAL HELP. PENDING FINAL REVIEW PLAN IS TO

MAKE AWARD SOME TIME IN FALL. UNDER THIS CONTRACT DHEW  
WOULD INTEND HAVE RIGHT TO MODIFY MANUSCRIPT IN WAY WHICH  
WOULD RESPECT ANY SENSITIVITIES ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
MIGHT HAVE ON SUBJECT.

3. BASED ON FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, DOES EMBASSY  
PERCEIVE ANY OBJECTION TO PROPOSED AWARD? PLEASE ADVISE.  
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